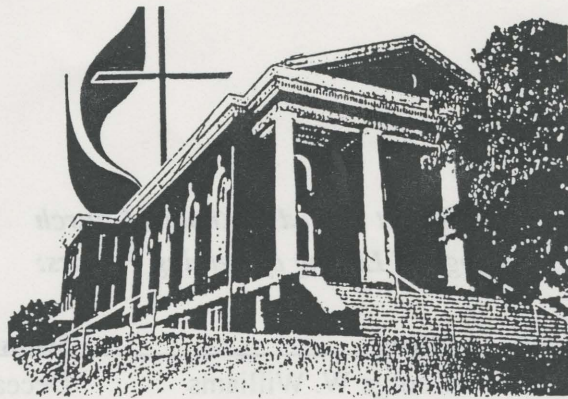




A HISTORY OF CLIMBING HIGHER AT ROCKFORD STREET UM CHURCH

Rockford Street United Methodist Church began its formation as a people, called of God, to work together to spread the Gospel and love of Christ to all the world. These early Methodists were motivated by nothing less than the familiar words of the old hymn: *"We are climbing Jacob's ladder . . . soldiers of the cross."* In 1921, after only two tent revival meetings were held where the city of Mount Airy's water tank currently rests on Rockford Street, the Rev. George W. Williams organized this active congregation.

On April 29, 1922, Rev. Williams bought the site from Edward Leake of El Paso County, Texas. Soon afterwards, the deed was transferred over to W.R. Kiger, J.W. Badgett, J.B. Jarrell, J.W. Barker, and W.F. Lawrence, who were the Trustees of Rockford Street Methodist Church. The red-brick "Tabernacle's" foundation was laid in 1925 across the street; and the building was dedicated in 1929. Over two hundred people were present on an average Sunday morning. The church was dedicated in 1929 with the Rev. Williams, Rev. W.F. Womble (presiding elder), Rev. W.R. West (pastor of Central Methodist), Mr. E.H. Kochtitzky, and others participating in this service.

Everyone worked together donating labor and supplies to build this church in record time. Granite was donated by J.D. Sargent who was head of the N.C. Granite Corporation which provided the materials for the church steps and windowsills. When Sargent visited the site on one occasion, he remarked in amazement, *"I thought you were building a church instead of building a stairway to heaven."* Members of the church and community donated pews, paint and bricks (some members donated over one hundred per family). The four large columns lifting the front porch were constructed by Earl Tate.

Rockford Street United Methodist Church has had twenty-five pastors since its inception, and they are J.O. Ervin, George W. Williams (reappointed in 1928), W.M. Heckard, R.S. Howie, R.G. Tuttle, Jr., D.H. Rhinehart, H.R. Cornelius, H. Grady Hardin, C.E. Williams, E.M. Graham, J.E. Rink, B.C. Winn, J.M. Barber, F.H. Shinn, Ben F. Stamey, Giles O. Bowman, John T. Frazier, Arthur B. Pearce, George Carver, Harry M. Sherrill, Max Dulin, Dwight Whitlock, Dee B. Martin, Mark Guyer, and Mary Rowe Miller, *Harry Leonard*

Today, there are currently over one hundred members on our roll, and our goal is to keep on growing both in our membership as well as in our Christian faith and service to others. We are a friendly congregation, and we welcome persons of all ages and backgrounds. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth, because we are all created and counted valuable by God. We invite YOU to join us as we climb that "stairway to heaven" by participating in God's ministry of reconciliation in the world.

Rockford Street United Methodist Church
Chronological Listing of Serving Pastors:

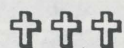
Year Appointed:	Served:	Name:	Status:
1921	4	George W. Williams	Deceased (1954)
1926	1	J.O. Ervin	Deceased (1957)
1927	1	George W. Williams	Deceased (1954)
1928	2	M.W. Heckard	Deceased (1965)
1930	3	R.S. Howie	unknown
1933	1	Robert G. Tuttle	Retired (1978)
1934	1	D.H. Rhinehart	Deceased (1970)
1935	2	H.R. Cornelieus	Deceased (1965)
1937	3	H. Grady Hardin, Jr.	unknown
1940	2	C.E. Williams	Deceased (1965)
1942	3	Edwin M. Graham	Deceased (1950)
1945	4	James E. Rink	Retired (1978)
1949	1	Boyd C. Winn	unknown
1950	2	J.M. Barber	Deceased (1971)
1952	4	Fred H. Shinn	Deceased (1991)
1956	4	Ben F. Stamey	Retired (1974)
1960	3	Giles Bowman	Retired (1993)
1963	5	John T. Frazier, Jr.	Retired (1984)
1968	2	Arthur B. Pearce	Deceased (1993)
1970	2	George M. Carver	Retired (1978)
1972	7	Harry M. Sherrill	Retired (1995*)
1979	3	Max Dulin	Retired (1994)
1982	3	Dwight Whitlock	Active
1985	4	Dee B. Martin	Retired (1995*)
1989	3	Mark Guyer	Leave of absence (1994)
1992	4	Mary Rowe Miller	Active

1997 *Gay Leonard*

*Number of Pastors: 26

*Average Stay: 2 years, 9 months

>*These retired pastors featured in this 1995 yearbook. Information is updated from June 30, 1995.



Dedication of Rockford Street Methodist Church

Sunday, September 22, 1929

10:00a.m.

The Sermon was preached by Rev. E.K. McLarty, D.D.,
pastor of Hawthorn Lane Methodist Church,
Charlotte, North Carolina.



The Dedication talk was given by Rev. E.W. Fox,
Presiding Elder of Mt. Airy, North Carolina.



The New Testament lesson, Hebrews 10:19-25,
was read by Rev. G.W. Williams.



This information was compiled by Mrs. Lula Kiger in 1989, who also included a brief account of her family history: "Lula Ashburn married Will R. Kiger September 15th 1925. Charter member. Joined church 1925 -- Born March 21, 1899. W.R. Kiger born Aug. 24, 1889. Died May 11, 1969. Amy Coe Kiger, Will Kiger -- mother. Born June 17. Died Jan. 4th 1936."

Music Ushered Patrons Into Movie Theater

By R.J. BERRIER
Staff Writer

Many of the patrons of local theaters remember being seated to a musical accompaniment.

This included the grand old Grand Theater, the sparkling new (back then) Earle Theater across Main Street and the sumptuous Center (down and across Main Street from the grand dame of local movie houses and just a few doors away from the Earle).

That accompaniment came from recorded music played on a phonograph — today's teens probably are chuckling loudly at those two terms — and sent throughout the theaters on loudspeakers. The music was played from the time the box office opened, around 6:30 or 6:45 p.m., until the presentations on the screen began at 7.

But there was a time when the musical accompaniment at the Grand Theater was "live," courtesy of Winnie Ward and a magnificent Kilgen organ.

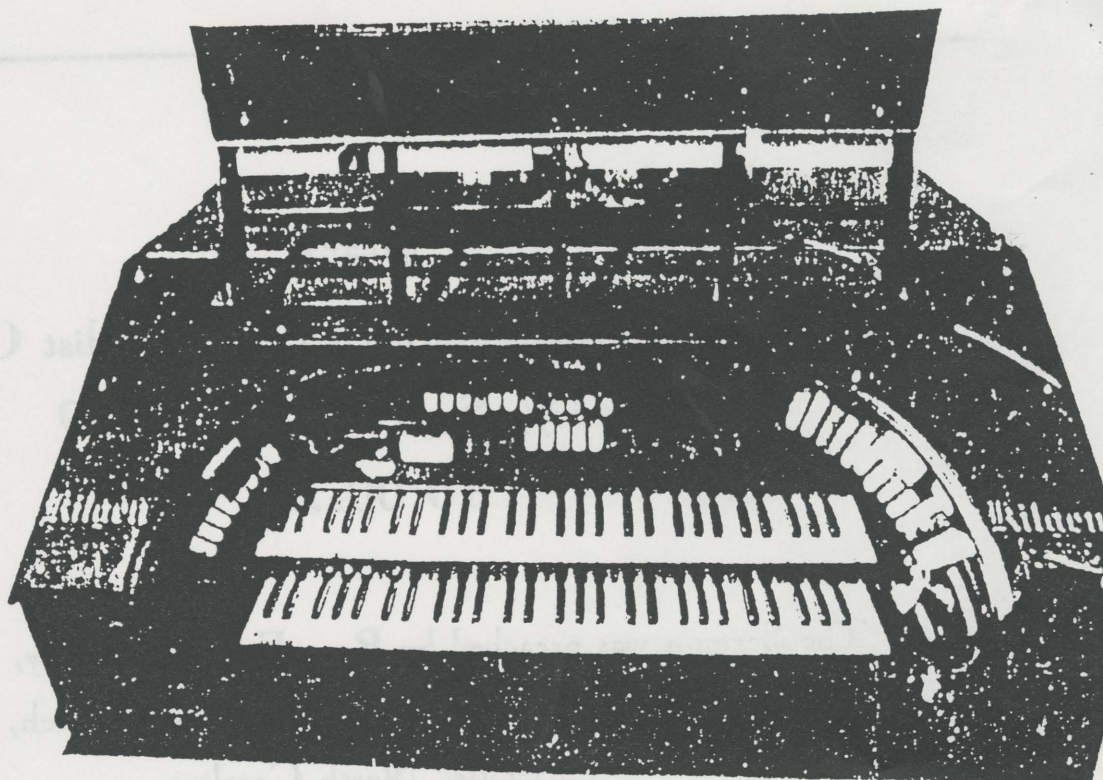
We suppose it was really just a case of the circle being completed.

The offerings at the Grand once were ushered in by motion pictures, which were used as "teasers" for the main performance. The main performance, back in those venerable days of yore, was a vaudeville presentation.

The movies also were shown at the end of the vaudeville act, as the patrons were leaving the theater.

Then came the days when live music — broadly speaking, a type of vaudeville act — was used to usher in the motion pictures, played before the films began and after they ended, while the audience either was entering or leaving the theater.

The live music was presented with class on one of the classiest instruments. Winnie Ward and, in later years, the late John Mickey, played the Kilgen organ. That organ could speak all sorts of musical notes, noises and sounds under the nimble fingers of Ward and Mickey.



A Kilgen organ provided music for many years at the grand old Grand Theater.

Ward was a native of nearby Launbsburg, Va. As reported a few years ago in an article by Barbara Case Summerlin in *Simple Pleasures*, Winnie Ward said she was playing at theaters in and around Macon and Atlanta, Ga., when she learned that the owners of Grand Theater in Mount Airy, P.A. Boone and E.Q. Benbow, had bought the Kilgen organ for use at their movie palace.

Ward came home and, for many years, was the star performer at the Kilgen organ. Decades later, she remembered the first song — and also the last song — she played: "My Blue Heaven."

She would play requests for 30 minutes before the showing of the film. The beautiful sounds of her music could be heard by local citizens as they paused or passed by on Main Street, courtesy of two speakers mounted outside the building.

Mickey grew up on West Pine Street and starred, once upon a time, in productions of the old Mount Airy Opera Company. His voice was commanding and many who remember the opera company will recall his performance as the "Admiral of the Queen's Nayvee" in "HMS Pinafore."

Paul Creed, who lives on Rockford Street, was an employee of the Earle

and Center theaters. He, too, recalls the old Broadway and National theaters. In talking with this writer some few years ago, he said he remembers stage performances at the Grand and Center/Broadway.

The late Henry Leach, who ran the motion-picture projection equipment at the Grand and Earle theaters, came to work at the Grand in March 1929. The day was a red-letter one, for engineers began installing sound equipment. "Talkies" were arriving in Mount Airy!

The Kilgen organ was given by Boone and Benbow to Rockford Street United Methodist Church in 1950. The church has a unique organ, for there are said to be only 11 such instruments in the United States.

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Remembering Our Past:

*The following records are from our church archives listing the annual membership from 1921 to 1934 under the following leadership: Pastor G.W. Williams = 1921 (93 members), 1922 (130 members), 1923 (150 members), 1924 (158 members), 1925 (170 members), 1926 (179 members); Pastor J.O. Ervin = 1927 (211 members); Pastor G.W. Williams = 1928 (228 members); Pastor M.W. Heckard = 1929 (206 members), 1930 (251 members); Pastor R.S. Howie = 1931 (241 members), 1932 (235 members), 1933 (227 members); Pastor R.G. Tuttle, Jr. = 1934 (249 members).

Rockford Street Methodist Church Charter Members

1921-1925

1. J.W. BARKER
 2. MAUD E. BARKER
 3. GEORGE A. BOWMAN
 4. NANNIE BOWMAN
 5. JOHN W. BADGETT....
 6. HARVEY E. BADGETT
 7. ELLA BADGETT (deceased 6/18/1944)
 8. CARRIE BADGETT MARION
 9. R. THOMAS BENNETT
 10. MRS. W.H. BEASLEY
 11. LUCY BROOKS (deceased 7/3/1927)
 12. OLIVE L. BOWMAN
 13. JOE F. BOOKER (deceased)
 14. ANNA V. BOOKER (deceased 1/31/1947)
 15. LUCILLE BRASSELL BURTON
 16. A.A. CHAPPELL
 17. LENA CHAPPELL (deceased 4/23/1925)
 18. R. COY CARROLL
 19. GRACE CARROLL
 20. PHILMORE CARROLL
 21. DOROTHY CARROLL
 22. S. FLETCHER CALLOWAY
 23. MARY L. CALLOWAY (deceased 10/2/1922)
 24. MRS. C.C. CREED DAVIS (Mallie) (deceased)
 25. MR. T.E. DAVENPORT (10/17/1926)
 26. MRS. T.E. DAVENPORT
 27. CLAUDIA E. DAVENPORT SMITHERMAN
 28. EDGAR FRANCE
 29. BERTHA FRANCE
 30. LUCY GORDON
 31. MRS. M.A. HANKS (deceased 4/4/1927)
 32. GURNEY HALE (deceased 1937)
 33. CARRIE HALE (deceased 11/11/1966)
 34. MRS. J.W. HARRIS (deceased 12/21/1926)
 35. JASON C. HARRIS
 36. MRS. J.C. HARRIS
 37. JAMES B. JARRELL
 38. RUTH JARRELL
 39. ELLA JARRELL
 40. MRS. R.A. JARVIS (deceased 10/1935)
 41. JOHN R. KEY (deceased 1941)
 42. WILL R. KIGER (deceased)
 43. FLORA KIGER (deceased 2/5/1922)
 44. THAMER KIGER (deceased)
 45. H.S. LEDFORD (deceased 8/24/1928)
 46. RUTH LEDFORD (deceased 1/1930)
 47. ROSA LOWRY
 48. TOM J. LOWRY
 49. JOHN R. LOWRY
 50. WALTER W. LOWRY (deceased 1928)
 51. CLARA LINEBACK
 52. JOHN W. LEDFORD
 53. CLAUDELLA LOFLIN-CARPENTER (2/12/27)
 54. DILLARD W. LOFLIN
 55. VIRGIL LINEBACK (deceased 11/11/1931)
 56. LILA LINEBACK
 57. JOE LINEBACK (deceased)
 58. N.V. LINEBACK
 59. HESSIE LINEBACK-BOYD
 60. MYRTLE LINEBACK-HENNIGER (deceased)
 61. ELLEN MARTIN
 62. MRS. T.A. MOODY
 63. IDA MCCOY (deceased 1980)
 64. SYBAL OWENS
 65. NANCY A. PEEL (deceased 6/5/1924)
 66. RUTH PORTER
 67. W.J. PORTER
 68. W. GRAHAM ROBERSON (d. 9/10/34)
 69. CARRIE ROBERSON-EDWARDS
 70. MARK ROBERSON (deceased)
 71. RUBY ROBERSON
 72. EDNA ROBERSON
 73. O.L. ROBERTS (DICK)
 74. HATTIE ROBERTS
 75. MRS. THOMAS D. ROBERTS (d. 4/1/1923)
 76. MRS. ORA T. ROBERTS
 77. CARL ROBERTS (Ora's boy)
 78. WOODROW ROBERTS
 79. JOHN D. TILLEY (deceased 11/6/1926)
 80. MARGARET TILLEY (d. 3/23/ 1922)
 81. WILL TAYLOR
 82. MRS. WILL TAYLOR
 83. MRS. W.A. TRIPLETT
 84. ALEINE TERRY (Mrs. Otis Moore) (deceased)
 85. TOM WILLIARD
 86. ADA WILLIARD
 87. MRS. G.W. WILLIAMS
 88. WINONA WILLIAMS
 89. LONNIE WILLIAMS
 90. WILL R. WOOD (deceased)
 91. MRS. WILL R. WOOD
 92. MARY R. ZIGLAR (deceased 8/21/1924)
- 1922
1. GRAHAM W. ROBERTSON
 2. JESS A. CREED
 3. CHARLES TERRY
 4. KENNETH A. MARSHALL (d.9/28/1941)
 5. CLUNETT J. CREED
 6. ED CREED
 7. T. WOODROW ROBERTS
 8. ROBERT A. JARVIS, JR.
 9. DOROTHY L. GORDON
 10. MARY K. BOOKER
 11. KATHLEEN F. BRASSELL-GUNNELL
 12. MALLIE BRYANT
 13. LILLIAN MCCOY-CARPENTER (d.7/4/1995)
 14. MARY LOWRY (d. 3/25/1977)
 15. LUCY DAVENPORT

Charter Members continued

16. ESTER N. LINEBACK-JOURNEY
17. MARGARET LEDFORD
18. BETTIE J. COMBS
19. EMMA BROWN HARBOUR
20. OPAL IRENE ROBERTS-BELTON
21. MARY L. ROBERTS
22. LYDA LEDFORD WILLARD
23. AMY F. KIGER (d. 1/11/1936)
24. JAMES JARVIS
25. FRED NORMAN
26. EDITH NORMAN MORRIS
27. MUNSLEY S. NICHOLS (d. 3/8/1948)
28. MAGGIE M. NICHOLS (deceased)
29. R.D. HOWERTON
30. MRS. R.D. HOWERTON
31. EDNA TERRY
32. MRS. U.M. A. TERRY
33. W.L. NICHOLS
34. MONROE S. JOTTES
35. MARY JOTTES
36. BETHANIA JOTTES
37. ADDIE G. MARSHALL
38. CLAUDIA DAVENPORT
39. WILLIS F. LAWRENCE (deceased 12/1937)
40. SARAH LAWRENCE
41. MATILDA LAWRENCE (d. 1/19/1936)
42. MARTHA STACK (d. 6/14/1927)
43. MARGIE STACK GUTHERIE (deceased)

Baptized on April 16, 1922

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Graham W. Robertson | 14. Mary Lowery (3/25/77) |
| 2. Jess A. Creed | 15. Lucy Davenport |
| 3. Charles Terry | 16. Aster N. Lineback |
| 4. Kenneth A. Marshall | 17. Margaret Ledford |
| 5. Clunette A. Creed | 18. Betsy J. Combs |
| 6. Ed Creed | 19. Emma Brown |
| 7. T. Woodrow Roberts | 20. Opal Irene Roberts |
| 8. Robert A. Jarvis, Jr. | 21. Lyda Ledford Willard |
| 9. Dorothy L. Gordon | 22. Amy F. Kiger (1/11/36) |
| 10. Mary K. Booker | 23. Mary L. Roberts |
| 11. Kathleen F. Brassell Gunnell | |
| 12. Mallie Bryant | |
| 13. Lillian McCoy Carpenter (d. 7/4/95) | |

1923

1. R. JOE MOODY
2. MATTIE MOODY
3. ETHEL MOODY
4. WILCHER BOYD
5. MRS. F.A. FLEMMING
6. MRS. HELEN NICHOLS (deceased 7/13/1923)
7. MRS. LYDIA BARKER
8. GEORGE W. WILLIAMS, JR.
9. VIRGINIA WILLIAMS
10. SARAH LOU KIGER-WILDER (deceased)
11. MARVIN JONES
12. KATHLEEN JONES
13. VANCE JONES

14. HURLEY BELTON (deceased 7/1934)
15. MRS. WILLIE BELTON (deceased 2/25/1925)
16. TROY LAWRENCE
17. WILLIAM LAWRENCE (deceased 4/1942)
18. DILLARD LAWRENCE (deceased 6/1973)
19. G.C. ROBERTSON
20. C.E. NICHOLS (deceased 1936)
21. MRS. C.E. NICHOLS (deceased)
22. LEE D. JONES (deceased 1/18/1927)
23. MRS. G.C. ROBERTSON

1924

1. MAUD DAVENPORT
2. LOVIN WILSON
3. MRS. W.J.S. WALKER
4. ANNIE WALKER
5. CLYDE WALKER
6. MARY WALKER
7. MARGARET WALKER
8. LAWRENCE WALKER
9. CALVIN WALKER
10. J. SANFORD REDMAN
11. PEARL REDMAN
12. FRED PRUITT
13. LIBBY PRUITT
14. GEORGE A. STACK

1925

1. EARL E. CARROLL
2. CHARLIE R. NUNN (deceased 1/16/1928)
3. RAYMOND CARPENTER
4. MARGARET BARKER
5. MYRTLE JONES
6. VIRGINIA HARRIS
7. JAMES T. JONES
8. STELLA JONES
9. FRANCES NORMAN
10. DORIS BELTON
11. KATE NICHOLS
12. MYRTLE E. MARSH
13. ROBERT W. HARRIS
14. RAYMOND J. MCCOY (deceased)
15. KYLE W. MCCOY
16. PHILLIP EARL BOOKER
17. WILLIAM MCCOY (deceased)
18. BERTA COOK
19. JOSEPH L. GUNNELL
20. LEONARD W. GUNNELL (deceased)
21. LEROY GUNNELL
22. JAS. J. DAVIS (deceased 10/1933)
23. THELMA M. DAVIS
24. LULA IRENE ASHBURN KIGER (d. 6/23/1992)
25. EMMA ASHBURN

Historical Deeds and Records

James A. Norman (Seal)
Savila E. Moody (Seal)
Arch Moody (Seal)
J. W. Spencer (Seal)
Addie A. Spencer (Seal)
Ella Norman (Seal)

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State of North Carolina, Wilkes County.

I, A. C. Phillips a Justice of the Peace do hereby certify that Nancy Spencer J. W. Spencer A.A. Spencer, James Norman M.R. Norman and Arch Moody and wife Savila Moody and Ella Norman personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the within deed of conveyance and have all acknowledged to their signatures of the same and have signed the same freely and voluntarily without fear or compulsion of their husbands or any other person and doth still assent thereto. This 11th day of April 1893.

A. C. Phillips, J.P.
(Seal)

I Wm A. Stroud Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes county do hereby certify that A. C. Phillips Esq was at the time of signing attached instrument an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county and that his name subscribed to the annexed instrument is his genuine signature and that his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit. Witness my hand and official seal this the 29th day of September, 1924.

Wm. A. Stroud, Clerk Superior Court (Seal)

North Carolina, Surry County.

The forgoing certificate of Wm. A Stroud a Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes county, N. C. is adjudged to be correct and in due form. Therefore let the instrument with this certificate be registered. This the 1st day of Oct. 1924.
R. B. Sewellyn, Deputy Clerk Sup Court

Filed for record 11 A. M. Oct. 1st, 1924, and duly registered.

Lillian Markrader, R. D.

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Deed

Rev. G. W. Williams

To

Will R. Kiger et al.

Know all men by these presents that Rev. G. W. Williams and Minnie W. Williams his wife of Surry County in the state of North Carolina in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars payable as follows; cash in hand the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained, sold and released and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell release and convey unto Will R. Kiger, J. W. Badgett, J. B. Carroll, J. W. Barker, W. F. Lawrence as Trustees of the Rockford Street Parsonage Methodist Episcopal Church South of Mt. Airy District, Mt. Airy, N. C. and their successors in office as from time to time appointed according to the laws and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and under and pursuant to the laws of this State, all that tract of land situated in Surry County and state of North Carolina, and described as follows to wit: Beginning on the west side of Rockford street and 70 feet North of the intersection of a new street between the Land Company's land and T. H. Brower's runs N. 72 1/2 degs. West East 330 feet to the edge of Rockford Street thence with Rockford street S. 16 1/2 degs West 100 feet to the beginning. Second Tract; Beginning on the West edge of Rockford Street Mt. Airy, N. C. on the North side and intersection of a new street between T. H. Brower's and Land Company's land runs with the north edge of a new street North 72 1/2 degs. West 330 feet North 16 1/2 degs East 70 feet to Aaron Penn's original corner or thence with his line South 72 1/2 degs. East 330 feet to the edge of Rockford St. thence South 16 1/2 degs. West 70 feet to the beginning. To have and to hold the said premises above described together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, unto the said Trustees and their successors and assigns forever. In Trust that all said premises shall be used kept maintained and disposed of as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church South residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church South who may from time to time be appointed in said place; subject to the usage discipline and ministerial appointment of said church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are or may hereafter situated. Whenever it shall become necessary or may be deemed expedient by the proper authorities of the said church to sell or otherwise dispose of and convey the same by and through the said trustees and their successors under and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Discipline of the said Methodist Episcopal Church South then and at that time in force fully discharged of all limitations uses and trusts herein imposed. and the grantee or purchaser shall in no event be responsible or liable for the application or reinvestment of the proceeds of such sale. A lien is hereby expressly retained on said property to secure the payment of the unpaid purchase money. The said grantors do hereby bind themselves heirs executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said trustees of the Rockford Street Methodist Episcopal Church South of Mt. Airy, N. C. their successors and assigns against every person who may lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

And the said grantor and his wife the said G. W. Williams and Minnie L. Williams do hereby waive and relinquish all right of dower and homestead in and to said premises in Testimony whereof the said grantors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 16th day of November, A. D. 1922.

G. W. Williams.
Minnie L. Williams

State of North Carolina, Surry County.

I, W. W. Christian a Notary Public of said county do hereby certify that G. W. Williams and his wife Minnie L. Williams grantors, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing deed of trust and the said Minnie L. Williams being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the same doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. At the said deed and this certificate be registered. Witness my hand and seal this the 1st day of Dec. 1922.

W. W. Christian, N.P.

My com. ex 8/9/23 (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Surry County.

The foregoing certificate of W. W. Christian a N.P. in and for the county of Surry is adjudged to be in due form and according to law. Let the foregoing instrument with these certificates be registered. This 24th day of Oct. 1924.

F. T. Lowelin, C. S. O.

Filed for record 10 A. M. Oct. 24th, 1924, and duly registered.

Lillian Darkrader, R. D.

Commissioner's Deed.

W. F. Carter, Comr.

To

H. O. Woltz.

North Carolina, Surry County.

This deed made this 1st day of Nov. 1924, by W. F. Carter, Commissioner under a judgment of the Superior Court of said county in the special proceedings entitled Fannie Martin Shelton et al ex parte party of the first part to H. O. Woltz of Surry County party of the second part. Witnessed; That whereas a petition was filed by Fannie Martin Shelton et al ex parte, praying for the sale of the hereinafter described real estate and Whereas John A. Martin was duly appointed next friend of Sarah Patton and Willie Patton minors; and Whereas it was alleged in the said petition that H. O. Woltz has offered for the first tract described in the said petition the sum of \$550.00 and has offered for the second tract described in the said petition the sum of \$250.00; and Whereas the said petitioners ask that the said land be sold to said H. O. Woltz at the prices therein named; and Whereas C. H. Haynes and A. G. Webb disinterested persons filed affidavits stating that in their opinion the prices offered were fair and reasonable and that it was for the best interest of all parties that the sale was consummated; and Whereas an order was made in the said proceeding by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Surry County directing the land to be sold at the prices therein named and appointing W. F. Carter, Commissioner to execute a deed upon the payment of the purchase money, the said order being approved by his honor T. B. Finley Judge holding the court of Surry County at its October Term, 1924; and Whereas the purchase money has been paid in full; Now therefore in consideration of the premises and especially in consideration of the payment in full of the purchase money, the said W. F. Carter, Commissioner has bargained and sold and by these presents does bargain, sell and convey unto said H. O. Woltz and his heirs forever the following described real estate to wit: Tract or parcel of #1; a lot in the town of Mt. Airy, fronting on Willow Street and bounded as follows; Beginning at the outside edge of the curbing and at the corner of T. N. Brock and George D. Fawcett on the West edge of Willow Street and runs with said street in a southerly direction 263 feet to a point parallel with the line between Mrs. A. E. Sides and the Martin heirs; thence in a Northerly direction with the line between George D. Fawcett and John A. Martin, 279 feet to the corner between T. N. Brock and Fannie and Richard Shelton and George D. Fawcett; thence with the line between George D. Fawcett and T. N. Brock 117 feet back to Willow Street; at the beginning. Tract or parcel #2; A piece or parcel of land lying in Mt. Airy and bounded as follows, to wit; Beginning at a stake on the corner of Mrs. A. E. Sides' lot and runs North 37 degs. 30' West 80 feet to an iron pin, thence North 78 degs West 91 feet to an iron pin in John A. Martin's line thence South 30 degs East 90 feet to a stake in Schafer's line, thence South 74 degs 45' West 109 feet to the beginning. To Have and To Hold the aforesaid land and premises unto said H. O. Woltz and his heirs forever in as full and ample manner as said W. F. Carter, Commissioner aforesaid, is authorized and empowered to convey the same. In Witness Whereof said W. F. Carter Commissioner has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year first above written.

W. F. Carter, (Seal)
Commissioner.

Surry County.

Personally appeared before me this day W. F. Carter Commissioner, and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing deed of conveyance. Witness my hand and official seal this 1st day of November, 1924.

Anna D. Rector,

Com. ex. 11/15/24.

North Car. Surry County.

The foregoing certificate of Anna D. Rector a Notary Public of Surry County is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument and certificates be registered. Witness my hand this 3rd day of Nov. 1924.

Filed for record 3 A. M. Nov. 3rd, 1924, and reg. Lillian Darkrader, R. D.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—SURRY COUNTY

THIS DEED, made this 24th day of April, 1922, by and between Edward Leas
Leas a single man of Ed Paso Co. Texas
 of Surry County and State of N.C., of the first part, to and Rev.
G. W. Williams of Surry County and State of N.C.
 of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That said Edward Leas
 in consideration of the sum of one thousand two hundred (\$1,200.00) Dollars paid by
and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey to said Rev. G. W. Williams
his heirs and assigns, four tracts or parcels of land in Surry County, State of N.C.
adjoining the lands of town of Mt Airy and others, and bounded as follows, viz:

First Tract: Beginning on the West side of
Rockford St. N. 1/2 Sec. 17, T. 12 N., R. 10 E.,
of a new st. utility. Said Company
land and T. M. Brown's heirs North 1/2
deg. West 33 feet to a stake, thence North
16 1/2 degrees East 10 feet, South 72 3/4 degs
East 33 feet to the edge of Rockford St.
thence West Rockford St. South 16 1/2
degrees West 100 feet to the beginning.

Second Tract: Beginning on the West
edge of Rockford St. in Mt Airy North
Carolina on the North side and thence
of a new st. utility T. M. Brown's and
land Company's land, thence North
the North edge of a new st. North
72 3/4 degs West 33 feet North 16 1/2 degs
East 10 feet to a stake, thence South
72 3/4 degs East 33 feet to the edge of Rockford
St. thence South 16 1/2 degs West 100 feet
to the beginning.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Rev.
G. W. Williams his heirs and assigns, to his only use and behoof forever.

And the said Edward Leas the parties of the 1st part agrees for and
heirs, executors and administrators, covenants with said
one and assigns that the title of land conveyed
the same in fee simple; that the same are free from all encumbrances, and that
will warrant and defend the said title to the same against
the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Edward Leas
 has hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and date first above written.

Attest: Clayton Edward Leas (Seal)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—SURRY COUNTY. Ed Paso
 I, this day personally appeared Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that
before me, Edward Leas and a single man and
his wife personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged
and to Rev. G. W. Williams being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband,
 touching her voluntary execution of the same, both state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband
 or any other person, and that she doth will voluntarily assent thereto. the due execution of the annexed Deed of Conveyance; and the said
 Witness my hand and seal, this 24th day of April, A. D. 1922.
 My commission expires 1922 Ed Paso J. P. (Seal)

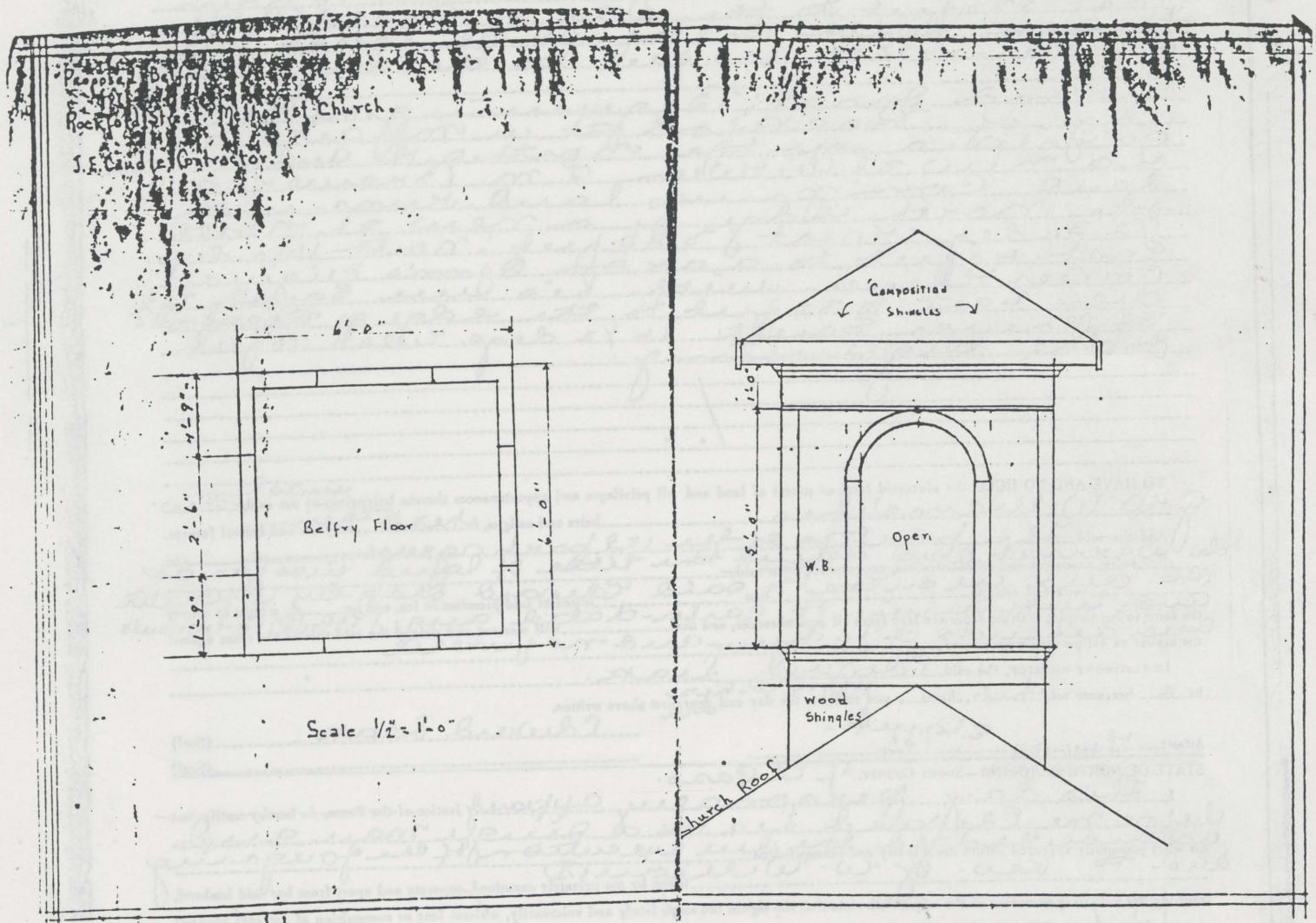
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—SURRY COUNTY.
 The foregoing certificate of Ed Paso Justice of the Peace for Surry County,
 is adjudged to be in due form and according to the laws. Let this instrument, with the certificates, be registered.
 Witness my hand and official seal, this 10th day of May, 1922.
J. J. Jackson Clerk Superior Court.
 Filed at 10 o'clock A. M. May 10, 1922 Registered at 2:22 o'clock P. M. May 24 day of
1922 Henry Waage Register of Deeds.



Memorial Fund Projects:

A **Steeple Fund** has been established this year for the purchase and placement of a Steeple and Bell Tower on the church roof. Memorials and Honorariums are greatly appreciated, and should be designated on your check or envelope as "The Steeple Fund." Mr. C.B. ROBERSON is the steward of this fund.

The **Lillian McCoy Carpenter Handicap Ramp Fund** has begun as a result of a generous gift from her estate upon her death on July 4, 1995. The project of placing an outdoor ramp to be used in aiding persons to the downstairs fellowship hall is under the leadership of the Board of Trustees. All Memorials and Honorariums are graciously accepted and should be designated on the check or envelope as "Ramp Project." Mr. GARNETT STEELE is in charge of the Memorial fund.



*A diagram of a proposed Belfry of Rockford Street Methodist Church in 1922 by J.E. Caudle.

"We are filled with the good things of your house, of your Holy temple!"
(Psalm 65:4)